

Application Serial No. 10/757,134
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): An antenna system comprising:
 - an antenna element for transmitting and receiving signals at radio frequencies;
 - an antenna connector for establishing a signal connection between the antenna element and a radio component; and
 - an electronic serialization component for indicating at least one predetermined antenna characteristic, and adapted to read out the predetermined antenna characteristics through the antenna connector to the radio component is coupled between the antenna element and the antenna connector;wherein the electronic serialization component is reprogrammable to allow a change of a value of the at least one predetermined antenna characteristic.
2. (Original): The antenna system of claim 1 wherein the predetermined antenna characteristics are selected from a group including at least one of: antenna gain, operational frequency band, product model number and type of connection.
3. (Original): The antenna system of claim 1 wherein the electronic serialization component comprises a circuit, wherein the predetermined antenna characteristics are coded into the circuit.
4. (Original): The antenna system of claim 3 wherein the circuit comprises a semiconductor memory chip.
5. (Original): The antenna system of claim 3 wherein the circuit comprises a threshold detection circuit for detecting a predetermined voltage threshold, corresponding to a predetermined antenna gain.
6. (Original): The antenna system of claim 1 wherein the antenna element comprises a plurality of antenna elements in an antenna array.

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7. (Currently Amended): A wireless communication device comprising:
a radio component for exchanging wired electronic signals with wireless signals;
an antenna system comprising:
an antenna element for respectively transmitting and receiving at radio frequencies the wireless signals exchanged with the radio component;
an antenna connector for establishing a signal connection between the antenna and the radio component; and
an electronic serialization component for indicating predetermined antenna characteristics, and adapted to read out the predetermined antenna characteristics through the antenna connector to the radio component;
wherein the electronic serialization component is coupled between the antenna connector and the antenna element and is responsive to a remote signal to change a value of the predetermined antenna characteristic.

8. (Previously Presented): The wireless communication device of claim 7 wherein the predetermined antenna characteristics are selected from a group including at least one of: antenna gain, operational frequency band, product model number, maximum output power and type of connection.

9. (Original): The wireless communication device of claim 7 wherein the electronic serialization component comprises a circuit, wherein the predetermined antenna characteristics are coded into the circuit.

10. (Original): The wireless communication device of claim 7 wherein the circuit comprises a semiconductor memory chip.

11. (Original): The wireless communication device of claim 7 wherein the circuit comprises a threshold detection circuit for detecting a predetermined voltage threshold, corresponding to a predetermined antenna gain.

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12. (Original): The wireless communication device of claim 7 wherein the antenna element comprises a plurality of antenna elements in an antenna array.
13. (Original): The wireless communications device of claim 7 wherein the antenna system is an integrally mounted antenna system.
14. (Original): The wireless communications device of claim 7 wherein the antenna system is an externally mounted antenna system.
15. (Original): The wireless communications device of claim 7 wherein the radio component comprises at least one algorithm for varying at least one operational parameter in response to the predetermined antenna characteristics.
16. (Original): The wireless communications device of claim 15 wherein the predetermined antenna characteristics comprise antenna gain, and wherein the radio component algorithm sets antenna power so as to maintain antenna gain.
17. (Original): The wireless communications device of claim 7 wherein the radio component and antenna system are included in at least one of a wireless access point and bridge for use with wireless local area network.
18. (Currently Amended): A method of antenna operation comprising:
receiving an identification stream from an antenna serialization component;
processing the identification stream so as to identify at least one predetermined antenna characteristics;
varying at least one operational parameters of a radio component in response to the at least one predetermined antenna characteristic; and
modifying a value of the at least one antenna characteristic of the identification stream stored at the antenna serialization component responsive to a remote signal[[.]].

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19. (Original): The method of claim 18 wherein the steps of processing and varying are implemented by an algorithm within the radio component.

20. (Canceled):

21. (Original): The method of claim 18 wherein the at least one predetermined antenna characteristic comprises a predetermined radio component operational frequency range.

22. (Original): The method of claim 18 wherein the at least one predetermined antenna characteristic comprises a predetermined antenna component number, and wherein the at least one operational parameter respectively comprises a command to disable the radio component if the predetermined antenna component number is not indicated.

23. (Original): The method of claim 18 further comprising a step of reading predetermined antenna characteristics over a network by a network administrator in a remote location.

Claims 24 - 31. (Canceled)

32. (Previously presented): The antenna system of claim 1, wherein the electronic serialization component is reprogrammable to change value of one of the group consisting of maximum output power and allowable operational frequency band.

33. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 18, wherein the value of the at least one antenna characteristic is one of the group consisting of maximum output power and operating frequency.

34. (Canceled)

35. (New): The antenna system of claim 1, wherein the antenna element, electronic serialization component and antenna connector are in series.

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36. (New): The antenna system of claim 1, the electronic serialization component further comprises a switch, wherein the switch is operable to disable the radio component unless the radio component identifies a correct type of antenna.